

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Board of Directors Meeting

November 8, 2011

Present: Gip Cabral, Diane Cook, Vanessa Cooley, Bob Cooper, Marie DeRoche, Alexis Devine, Joseph DiPina, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Paul Harden, Steve Kitchin, Sharon Lee, Courtney Murphy, Paul Ouellette, Betty Pleacher, Scott Seaback, Lauren Slocum, Robin Ann Smith, James White, Paul Wielgus, Raymond Pingitore

Absent: Cynthia Farrell, Carmen Ferguson, Raymond Filippone, Kathleen Grygiel, Karen Jedson, Wendy Kagan, Peter Koch, Dorothy Mattiello, Joseph Oakes, Andrew Tyska, Darrell Waldron

Staff: Christine Grieco, Diane Vendetti, Carlos Ribeiro, Sharron Geoffrey, Gail DuPont, Kathy Tobin-Henry, Kathy Quattrini, Kara Aniballi

DLT Guests: Dan Brown

Welcome

Chair Steven Kitchin called the meeting to order at 8:10am and requested the Board review the minutes of October 12, 2011.

VOTE: Lauren Slocum made a motion to accept October 12, 2011 minutes. Bob Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Robin Ann Smith began her presentation stating CCRI's current enrollments. There are currently four campuses opened: Lincoln, Warwick, Providence, and Newport. There is also a satellite opened in Westerly. Robin also explained the various programs offered by the Center of Workforce and Community Education.

Chairman's Report

Resignation Letters

Chair Kitchin requested Vice Chair Paul Ouellette read the resignation letter of Susan O'Donnell and Allen Durand

Chair Kitchin requested the Board vote on the above resignations.

VOTE: With regret Gip Cabral made a motion to accept Susan O'Donnell's resignation. Betty Pleacher seconded the motion the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: With regret Ray Pingitore made a motion to accept Allen Durand's resignation letter. Joseph DiPina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Final Audit

Joseph DiPina stated the Finance Committee met and reviewed FY12 draft version of the Audit conducted by KLR. There were no issues and the draft has since been finalized.

VOTE: Joseph DiPina made a motion to accept FY12 Audit. Vanessa Cooley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Candidates

Paul Ouellette stated there are currently five vacancies on the Board. Paul presented to the Board Thomas Fay's resume. Thomas previously worked as Legal Counsel for WPGRI from March 2002-August 2011.

Paul Ouellette also presented Michael Blacks resume to the Board as well. Michael works as President of National Marker Company.

Steve Kitchin requested the Board vote on Thomas Fay's resume to be sent to the Governor for approval.

VOTE: Paul Ouellette made a motion to send Thomas Fay's resume to the Governor for appointment. Robin Ann smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with Diane Cook abstaining.

Steve Kitchin requested the Board vote on Michael Black's resume to be sent to the Governor for approval.

VOTE: Paul Ouellette made a motion to send Michael Black's resume to the Governor for appointment. Paul Harden seconded the motion. The motion passed Diane Cook abstaining.

Committee Reports

Board Development

Paul Ouellette stated the Board Development Committee is working to fill the three other vacancies as soon as possible. One of the vacant seats is a federally mandated union seat.

The Board Development Committee is looking to fill the other two seats with an individual from the healthcare field and an individual from the hospitality field.

Quality Assurance

There was no new business to report.

Strategic Development

Paul Harden stated he is still working with the Strategic Retreat Ad-Hoc Committees. They will be ready to present what they have worked on at the January 10, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

Finance Committee

There was no new business to report.

Youth Council

Gip Cabral stated there was no October Youth Council meeting due to lack of quorum. The next Youth Council meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2011.

New Business

Bob Cooper inquired about having a Board of Directors meeting at one of the One-Stops. Christine Grieco will notify the Board when this is re-scheduled.

Ray Pingitore informed the Board that he had concerned customers who he sent into the One-Stop Center and they were told there was no available funding for the ITA program at this time. He stated they were denied the ability to see a counselor at that time.

Christine asked Ray Pingitore to forward her the names of the individuals in regards to this situation. She and Marie DeRoche (Chief of the One-Stop Centers) will investigate and instruct all managers to service customers in the interim of a short term suspension of any of our programs to the level available until the program is re-instated.

Christine Grieco then responded that the ITA program was indeed placed on hold by Assistant Director Sue Chomka and Christine Grieco due to the fact the Feds had not released any new formula funding for PY11. As all carry out funds from PY10 had been

expended there was no choice but to suspend the program for a maximum of three weeks.

Old Business

Paul Ouellette reminded the Board of the Hire Our Heroes job fair taking place November 21, 2011 at the Warwick Armory from 9am-2pm.

Adjournment

Chair Kitchin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00am

VOTE: Paul Harden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Ouellette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Kara Aniballi